

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Town plays Santa — delivers land, library

by VICKI BROOKER

Elk Point Town Council played Santa to the residents of the town at Thursday night's rescheduled Regular Meeting, ratifying both the purchase of the recreation land and a go-ahead on construction of a new library. The meeting was held four days early because the regular meeting date would have been December 24, which Council and Administration would prefer to spend with their families.

Following a recent meeting with D.K.C. Miller of Clinic Holdings Ltd., owners of the parcel, the Finance Committee recommended that Council accept the terms of purchase, along with the \$150,000 price tag.

Brian Bloomfield of Tollfam Construction Ltd. and members of the Elk Point Library Board were present for further negotiations on the municipal library project. The Board offered to cut \$4,000 from their furnishings budget to allow this amount to be used toward inclusion of the air conditioning in the building, with the Town volunteering \$3,140 from general reserves for the balance of the \$7,140 price of the unit.

Construction of the library will cost \$160,000 plus the air conditioning. Council gave final approval to applications for MCR

Funding and debenture borrowing, the latter through passage of ByLaw 398/84.

Town staff was given a Christmas gift that will last all next year, in the form of a 5% across-the-board cost of living increase and all Town staff except that of the FCSS and Recreation Departments, where only the FCSS Director will receive the benefits.

Application for funding for a full time Recreation Director's position was approved by Council, under the Alberta Youth Employment and Training program. The terms of the program state that the successful applicant must have graduated in the past twelve months from a two year or more college or university program and be presently unemployed. Half of the salary for the director will come from the grant and half from the Recreation Board budget, to a total of \$16,000 per year. This will be a \$4,000 saving for the Recreation Board, which had budgeted \$12,000 for their Director's salary.

Council will be putting an answering machine and paging system in the Public Works stocking this Christmas. The \$1,760 approved by Council will include an answering machine for the Town Office who will direct persons with public works related problems to phone the Town Shop, where the

other answering machine will alert the worker on call.

It was not all gifts giving at the meeting however. The Town will be expecting to receive some extra revenue next year from those purchasing building permits. Bylaw 404/84 was given all three readings at the December 20 meeting, and will come into effect January 1, 1985. The maximum figures have been removed in the new bylaw, and a permit for a home will now cost \$10 per hundred square feet, with no maximum price. There are also changes in the permit fees for commercial buildings, mobile homes, etc.

The County of St. Paul's response to the Town's cost sharing proposals on both the sanitary landfill site and the fire truck housing was unacceptable to Council. It now appears that County residents will no longer be able to use the landfill, with a bylaw now being drafted to provide fines for unauthorized use, while the County will be advised to seek alternate accommodation for their fire truck.

The problem of the too-deep landfill trench has been shelved until spring, as Health Department officials want the ice which has formed in the bottom of the excavation removed before the trench is filled to an ac-

ceptable depth. In the meantime, a smaller 20' x 100' x 10' deep trench has been dug on the eastern boundary of the site for immediate use.

Council approved purchase of a submersible pump for the water treatment plant at a price of \$3,728.50.

A total of four resignations were on the FCSS portion of Council's agenda. Steven Cox's resignation from the FCSS Board was accepted, and at the same time, Council approved a Board recommendation to increase the number of Board members from 5 to 7.

FCSS Director Kathie Locher, who recently married, has submitted her resignation as of December 27. Brenda Dagg, who has served as FCSS secretary and as Recreation Director, is moving and has also submitted her resignation. Temporary Playschool teacher Linda Briggs submitted the fourth resignation. Council accepted the notification of the resignations from the FCSS Board, and will advertise to fill the Board member's, FCSS Director's, Recreation Director's and Secretary's positions.

Office hours for the FCSS staff were discussed and will remain at 8 hours per day as outlined in the policy manual.



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CHEER UP SANTA — Elves assure the depressed old gent that Christmas went on as usual even though Mrs. Claus shut down the workshop in "A Year Without Christmas." See Story on Page 3

EARLY DEADLINE FOR COPY AND ADS

With New Year's day falling on Tuesday, we have had to advance our deadline for both copy and ads to Monday, January 31st.

Publication will be on January 3rd. We hope this will not inconvenience our advertisers and readers too much.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Chamber needs economic development committee

by VICKI BROOKER

Al Harlton of Alberta Tourism and Small Business spoke to sixteen members of the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce at Wednesday's meeting, and urged formation of an Economic Development Committee in Elk Point.

Such a committee, with the support of the Town and the Chamber, could provide valuable assistance in prospecting for new businesses wanting to locate in Elk Point, identifying a need for new businesses in the community, and making recommendations to the Town on matters affecting the community, Harlton noted. He added that most communities the size of Elk Point and larger have an economic development committee.

Town Administrator Pat Vincent pointed out that the committee could have an important role in attracting businesses serving the agricultural community to Elk Point.

Vincent and Harlton discussed the pros and cons of having a paid, full-time coordinator for the committee. Vincent felt that a full time coordinator would help the com-

mittee to get off the ground quickly and get more rapid results, while Harlton pointed out the value of knowledgeable volunteers.

Town Liaison officer, Bruce Kleeberger, expressed a fear that a funded position could come to an end when grant money ran out, whereas a strong base of volunteers would provide continuity. "We need to draw business to the community not just for one year, but over many years," he noted.

Tourism and Small Business has several programs which could help an Economic Development Committee, including booklets on setting up a committee and listing its functions. The government department will also advertise Elk Point's need for any type of business as they are made aware of the need. A grant is available to bring interested business persons to look at the town, Harlton concluded.

But will the Chamber need an economic development committee? Nominating Committee co-chairman Frank Mayner is not

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Chamber needs economic development committee

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sure, as no president or secretary has been found and without these, the Chamber is in danger of dissolution.

The January 2 meeting was cancelled due to its proximity to the New Year's holiday, with the first (and hopefully not also the last) meeting of 1985 scheduled for January 16. The Chamber will move back to the newly enlarged Empress Restaurant at that time, President Carol Metz announced.

Sid Holthe read the final draft of the road priority brief which will be submitted to the Heavy Oil and Oil Sands Advisory Committee. Widening of Highway 41 from Elk Point to

the junction of Highway 28 was top priority on the list.

The brief asked for paving of Secondary Highway 646 from the Salt Plant eastward, and listed a number of reasons for this choice: Highway 640, which reaches into the heart of the oil patch, was next on the list, followed by Highway 893 from its junction with Highway 45 north to the Heinsburg Bridge, and finally by Highway 646 west to Highway 881 and eventually continuing west to Highway 36.

A need for continued assistance in upgrading and maintaining local grid roads was also listed.

The brief asked the Chamber, the Town of Elk Point and MLA John

Drobot be informed of any upcoming meetings regarding the roads and to be included in these meetings. It also noted that Elk Point alone was not included as a representative of a major developing oilfield in the meetings already held.

Holthe noted that he had received assistance from MLA John Drobot and County of St. Paul Councillor John Zenko in preparation of the brief.

Pat Vincent briefly outlined the contents of the brief to be submitted by the Town to the Heavy Oil Advisory Committee.

Ray Danyluk asked for the Chamber's assistance in ensuring

that ERCB hearings will continue to be held in Elk Point, as the hearings "bring technical knowledge into the impact area".

Facilities to accommodate the influx of people for meals during the hearings have not been available to date in Elk Point, but will soon be adequate to handle the visitors, noted Pat Vincent, with the expansion of the Empress and the construction of another new restaurant underway.

President Metz will write to the ERCB's director, noting that the Chamber is aware of the upcoming hearings and their importance, and reassuring the Board that eating facilities will indeed be available.

Town of Elk Point

NOTICES & INFORMATION

Board Membership Appointments

Applications are invited from the general public by the Council of the Town of Elk Point for the appointment of members to the following Board to represent the Town of Elk Point:

THREE (3) MEMBERS: Elk Point Family and Community Support Services Board.

Representatives must reside within the Town of Elk Point and should have a keen interest in the functions of the Board and community development.

For more information contact the undersigned. Interested persons may submit a written application to the following address prior to January 11, 1985.

L. PATRICK VINCENT
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR
TOWN OF ELK POINT
BOX 448
ELK POINT, ALBERTA
T0A 1A0

letter to the editor

The Lakeland Review welcomes letters to the editor. They should be as brief as possible, must be signed to indicate the writer's name, address and phone number. No letters will be published without a signature.

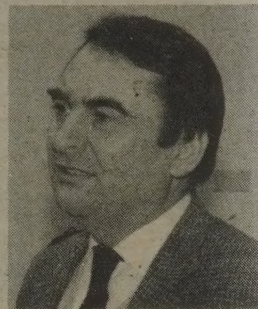
Once again I attended our Christmas Concert at the Elementary School. If anybody walked into the gym without any Christmas spirit, I'm sure they walked out with lots of love, laughter and cheer in their hearts.

The children performed to their fullest. Thank you teachers and staff for taking time, guiding the children, to show the community that there really could be a true Christmas Spirit. I would like to congratulate Mr. Don Buryn on his marvellous achievement with his music classes. They were definitely an asset to the concert. I would like to see the concert have a repeat evening performance. I am truly proud to be part of this community.

Merry Christmas
Virginia Mudryk

report from parliament hill

by DON MAZANKOWSKI



Don Mazankowski, Minister of Transport, has advised that producers who elected the cash method of reporting their income will be permitted to defer reporting of crop insurance payments until 1985 under certain conditions.

Mr. Mazankowski added that Revenue Canada will accept the deferral of a crop insurance payment for producers who have filed crop insurance claims with insurers and agreed in writing to defer payment of their claim until 1985.

The Vegreville M.P. said these measures signal a new era of administrative flexibility on behalf of Revenue Canada in the departments dealing with Canadian taxpayers.

Mr. Mazankowski has advised producers to contact his constituency offices or the District Taxation Office in Edmonton for further information.

The Town of

Elk Point

Notices & Information

Elk Point Family and Community Support Services / Regional Recreation and Cultural Board invite applications for the position of

SECRETARY

QUALIFICATIONS:

- the successful applicant will possess a high school diploma with specialization in secretarial training
- good typing skills, shorthand, bookkeeping, filing and other related office procedures.
- be a self-starter and enjoy meeting the public.

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

- act as Secretary to the Director responsible for the operation of the FCSS Office.
- act as receptionist, secretary, file clerk/steno.
- act as Secretary to the Director responsible for the operation of the Recreation Office.
- act as receptionist, secretary, file clerk/steno.

REMUNERATION:

- Negotiable; based upon qualifications and experience.

This is a four month full-time position funded under the Priority Employment Program with duties and responsibilities to be split between the Recreation Office 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and FCSS Office 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The position may be reduced at the conclusion of the Priority Employment Program to a part-time FCSS secretary dependant upon need and availability of funding from the Recreation Department.

Written applications providing a full resume, references and expected starting salary will be accepted by the undersigned until 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 11th, 1984.

TOWN OF ELK POINT
BOX 448
ELK POINT, ALBERTA
T0A 1A0
ATTENTION: L. Patrick Vincent
Municipal Administrator

The Town of

Elk Point

Notices & Information

Elk Point and District Regional Recreation and Cultural Board invites applications for the position of

Recreation Director

Elk Point is a growing community located 225 km northeast of Edmonton. Located in the heart of the heavy oil development in the Lindbergh field prospects are for substantial growth in the community over the next several years.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- the successful applicant will possess strong verbal and written communication skills, be a self-starter, possess strong organizational skills and enjoy contact with the public and various recreation/cultural organizations.
- will be a post-secondary graduate who has graduated in the last twelve months and has been unemployed for the last four months.

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

- prepare Board agendas and minutes
- attend Board meetings and record minutes
- assist the Board in preparing grant applications
- assist in budget preparations and budget control
- research grant availability
- evaluate and implement programs as needs are identified
- establish office procedures, set up and maintain an accurate filing system
- other duties and responsibilities which may be assigned

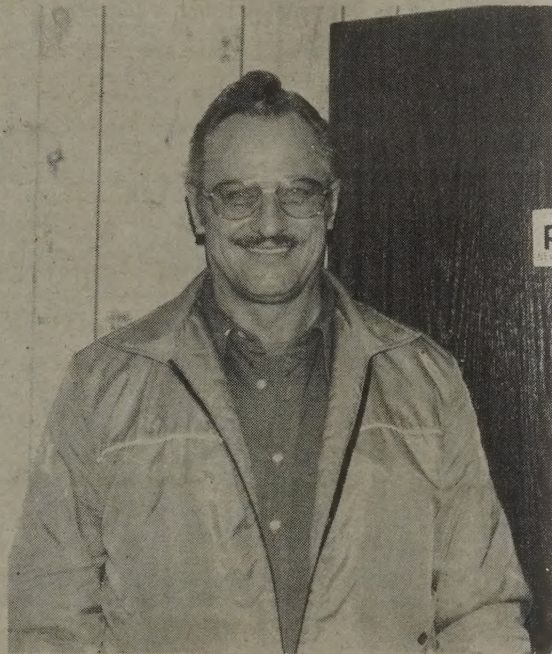
REMUNERATION:

Negotiable; based upon qualifications and experience; hours may be adjusted to reflect time requirements to fulfill job duties and responsibilities.

This is a twelve-month position funded under the Alberta Youth Employment and Training Program with a possibility the position may be extended at the conclusion of the program dependant upon need and availability of funding.

Written applications providing a full resume, references and expected salary will be accepted by the undersigned until 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 11, 1984.

ELK POINT AND DISTRICT REGIONAL
RECREATION & CULTURAL BOARD
BOX 728
ELK POINT, ALBERTA
T0A 1A0
(403) 724-4074
ATTENTION: L. WILSON, CHAIRMAN



AUCTIONEERING GRAD — Joe Ference of Elk Point received his diploma from the Western Canada School of Auctioneering in Lacombe, Alberta on December 14. Ference is a local farmer who was born and raised in the Elk Point-St. Paul area. Congratulations!

New Year's Eve Frolic

at the

Heinsburg Community Hall

Members and Invited Guests Only.
\$25.00 per couple (includes midnight meal & dance)
Music by "Country Tops"
Tickets available from members or
Mike's M & M at 943-3797

Christmas comedy and drama at F.G. Miller

by VICKI BROOKER

Drama students at F.G. Miller Junior and Senior High School entertained parents and friends with a trio of Christmas plays Wednesday night, to get everyone in the mood for the coming season. The Junior High drama students produced "A Year Without Christmas" and "Christmas Incorporated", while the Drama 10 students produced an original play entitled "Urban Santa".

One year there was no Christmas, the narrator of "A Year Without Christmas" explained. And it was all because the elves in the workshop were keeping the red-bonneted Mrs. Santa (Kathrina Ludlage) awake on Christmas Eve.

Finally, the good lady could take no more. She grabbed a broom and chased the elves (Sheldon Porcina, Nicky Boudreau, Christy Vinge, Shari Fell and Rhonda Behr) and Santa himself (Jason Smereka) out of the workshop, shutting down the operation.

Santa was very depressed by the fact that he had failed a whole world of children, but Elves Sparkle (Shari Fell) and Twinkle (Rhonda Behr) cheer him up with the startling news that Christmas went on as usual even without a visit from the jolly old gent.

Four teachers were called onstage to receive special 'awards'. Mr. Cameron, who has been replacing Mr. Lazicki in the Art department for the past two months was given a stick figure 'portrait' of himself. Mrs. Kissel received a jar of honey for a real "sweetie" of a teacher, while Mr. Cabaj received a package of Gillette

Disposables for the "growth" on his face. Mrs. Sorochan, who has been at F.G.M. for four months, received a medal which she felt was well deserved.

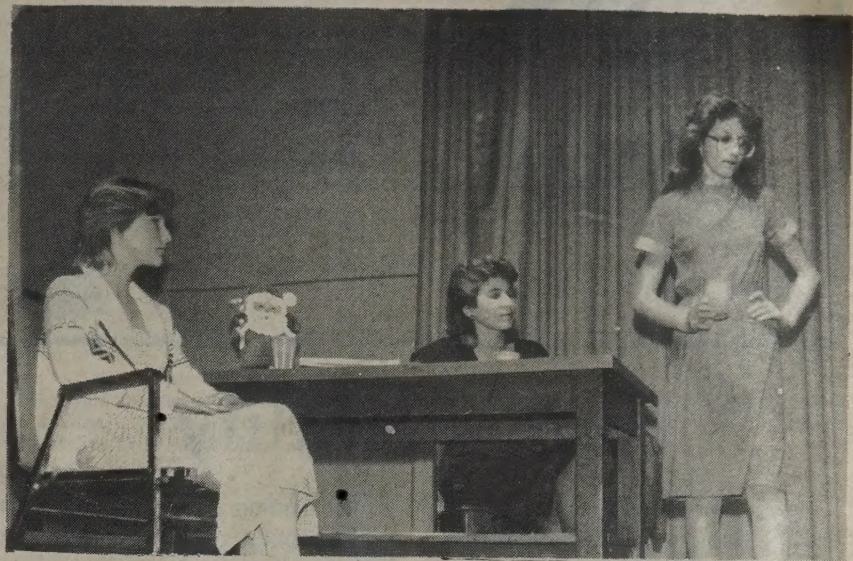
The commercialism which has overtaken Christmas was explored in "Christmas Incorporated". Department store clerks, Kay (Jackie Gulayec) and Evvy (Teresa Walker) are bemoaning their tired feet and ruined love life during coffee break. Co-worker Mary (Jayme Pelech) is even more disgusted with the season, and claims store owner Mr. Connor "owns Christmas". It's a national fire sale! she exclaims, and "all that jingles are the cash registers."

Supervisor Mrs. Worriman (Kelly Curry) brings a little girl to the coffee room and asks Mary to take care of her until her mother is finished shopping. Laura Jo (Stacey Bjornstad) explains to Mary that the sixty Santas are all just helpers, and finally brings back some of the excitement of Christmas for Mary.

Imagine Mary's surprise when she finds that the happy little girl is the daughter of her boss and his pretty wife (Cathy Irvine).

As the play closes, another sales clerk, Pauline (Kathrina Ludlage) is bemoaning the commercialization of the season to her co-workers. Kathrina was a last-minute replacement for Lisa Lukevich, who is in hospital, and took over the role on one day's notice.

The Drama 10 class presented an original children's theatre-type play entitled "Urban Santa", which featured their Drama teacher in the starring role.



CHRISTMAS IS A NATIONAL FIRE SALE! — Exclaims store clerk Mary (left) to her fellow employees Evvy and Kay in The Junior High Drama presentation of "Christmas Incorporated."

The villain of the story is a poor disappointed lad (George Vivian) who has wished for a cap gun when he was five, a BB gun when he was ten, a pellet gun when he was twelve, and a six-shooter for the last five years — all to no avail. Now he is determined to do in Santa.

Arriving at the North Pole, he meets a very grouchy Mrs. Claus, who says Santa is the worst husband on the face of the plains.

He also meets the cowboy-hatted Santa, and soon changes his "You're gonna get it" tale to an offer to trade his horse for a six gun. In true villain style, this is a trick to lure Santa over to

where he can stuff the old guy into a closet. Learning that Mrs. Santa won't run away with him, he puts her in the closet too.

The elves (Lorie Lajimodiore and Lisa Bugera) are frightened when they discover Santa's fate, and run offstage with the villain in hot pursuit. Finally one sneaks back onstage and sets Santa free.

Together, the elves and Santa overcome the villain, who apologizes and claims he has learned his lesson. Once Santa is assured of this, he presents the villain with the long desired firearm.

Mrs. Santa is still in the closet, shrieking loudly, as the curtain falls.

Year-end planning to reduce the farm tax bite

Farmers may end 1984 with a tight cash flow and a small bank balance, yet face a high tax bill.

In order to reduce high operating costs, farmers may have sold additional inventory or made capital sales to pay off loans. The revenue from these transactions will be included in 1984 income, but the loan principal payment is not an expense. Only interest is deductible as an expense on loan payments.

To avoid being surprised, you might check your income and expense records before considering various tax strategies.

- Be sure to include all expense items. Out-of-pocket purchases are often missed, resulting in minor items costing considerably more. For example, if a farmer doesn't claim a \$1.00 purchase, the net cost of the item, assuming a 25 per cent tax bracket, is \$1.33.
- Individual tools and equipment purchased for more than \$200 must be depreciated. Purchases under \$200 are fully deductible in the year of payment, however.
- Include the business portion of various expenses. One-quarter of house maintenance and utility expenses, and up to two-thirds of car expenses, including depreciation, can usually be claimed.
- Annual accounting and legal fees for farm management and income tax can be deducted. Legal, appraisal and accounting fees associated with buying land and equipment are added to the capital cost of the asset.
- Government subsidies or rebates that were received must be reported as income for the year if they were designed to reduce expenses or compensate for income loss in previous years.
- Proper procedures should be followed when reporting income from unusual sources like patronage dividends, general insurance proceeds, commodity trading, and oil and gas lease revenues. An Agri-

green acres

by KIRSTY G. ROSS, D.A.
Alberta Agriculture, St. Paul, Alta.



Fax sheet entitled Reporting Unusual Farm Income for Tax Purposes is available from the farm business management branch and provides more information.

- Recent information from Revenue Canada indicates that crop insurance indemnities made in compensation for crop loss in 1984 may be deferred to 1985.
- A reasonable amount can be deducted as an expense for business travel, registration fees, meals and lodging. Make sure you have receipts to document these expenses.
- Since the November 12, 1981 budget, only one-half the normal capital cost allowance (CCA) is deductible in the purchase year of a depreciable asset, net of any trade-ins.
- A recent federal court ruling has stated that interest charges associated with commodity trading that yield a capital gain can be added to the original purchase price of the contract and thereby reduce your capital gains or increase your capital loss on disposition of the contract.

Once you have determine your projected taxable income, you can decide whether you want to adjust it, and if so, in what direction.

On behalf of the Alberta Agriculture District Office in St. Paul I'd like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and the best in 1985.

ELK POINT & DISTRICT REGIONAL RECREATION & CULTURAL BOARD

ANNUAL MEETING

will be held on

Tuesday, January 8th

1985, at 7:30 p.m. at the

Community Services Building

All interested public are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WATER RESOURCES ACT North Saskatchewan River

Notice is hereby given that Dome Petroleum Limited has filed an application and plans under provisions of the Water Resources Act to construct the necessary works to withdraw a maximum of 785 acre-feet of water per annum from the North Saskatchewan River through works of Westmin Resources Limited on the NE 21-56-6-W4 and rediverted at NW 10-56-6-W4, NW 13-55-6-W4 and SE 13-55-6-W4 for industrial purposes.

Any person with objections and having a bona fide interest in the matter may file a statement of reasons for objecting with the Controller of Water Resources, Alberta Environment, 2nd Floor, Oxbridge Place, 9820-106 Street, Edmonton, T5K 2J6 on or before the 19th day of January, 1985.

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Have no fear, boys and girls -- Santa Claus will have no trouble finding Elk Point this year.

Residents and store owners of the community have gone all out with their lights and outdoor decorations this year, which should make our town stand out clearly in the midwinter night's blackness to anyone approaching from the air.

A leisurely tour of the residential areas on a recent evening showed far more homes sporting lights and displays this year, making our town a very attractive place to be this holiday season. Bright tinsel and lights have transformed the downtown area into a cheerful place to do that last-minute shopping, and the Town's decorations, even if only one side of the street is lit up, should make Main Street a good,

bright landing strip on which Santa can touch down to deliver the gifts.

Don't worry, kids -- even though there are numerous lighted pyramids out in the oilfield, Santa will know they aren't Christmas trees and will just drop off a few new wrenches and hard hats for the rig workers as he passes over on his way to town on Christmas Eve.

And remember, all of you, you have to be in bed and ASLEEP before he will come in to leave your gifts...and mothers and fathers who are wakened up too early just MIGHT take those presents and hide them away till next year.

You'd better watch out!

VB

Season's greetings

To all our readers, the staff of the Elk Point Lakeland Review wishes the very merriest and most blessed Christmas, and good fortune in the coming New Year.

As you celebrate Christmas with your friends and family, please do not forget the reason why we celebrate this day. It is the birthday of Jesus, a man of humble beginnings who has affected the lives of us all in nearly

twenty centuries since that time.

Jesus taught a lesson of peace and love for one's fellow man which we all should remember, in order to make the world the kind of place we all want to live.

Christmas is a season of peace and love, in which violence, tragedy and sorrow should have no place. Let us each do our part to keep it happy.

VB



'Twas the night before Christmas
Down at the Review
As we wrote out our letters
For when Santa passed through.

Pastor John was quite puzzled
Over what to ask first,
For a modern typesetter
Or a 150-seat church.

Girl Friday Donna wrote,
"Santa,
I'd give a king's ransom
If you'd just deliver

Someone tall, dark and handsome.'

And back at the ranch,
The Old Editor thought,
Then wrote, "Lots of good news
Is what I'd like brought."

So we hung up our stockings
On the rattling old press
And each added a postscript:
"To our readers: The Best!"



HAPPY HOSTESSES — Mandy Saranchuk, Karen Reed, Betty Radies and Judy Estey provide moral support for chief pancake flipper Sylvia Boothman at the Lioness Pancake Brunch.



HERE WE COME A CAROLLING — Elk Point Brownies and their leaders visited Elk Point Municipal Hospital and Buckingham House on Wednesday to entertain the residents with Christmas carols.

Tradition & trends meet in Elementary concert

The traditional songs and stories of Christmas met with such modern trends as Care Bears and Cabbage Patch dolls at Elk Point Elementary School's Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 19. Parents and friends overflowed the school gymnasium to watch the two and a half hour concert.

The Grade 7 Band opened the concert, with Don Buryn leading them in renditions of Jingle Bells, Fanfare March and Silent Night.

Mrs. Dahmer's ECS students welcomed the audience dressed as Dancing Dollies with giant hairbows, and as teddy bears singing the Teddy Bear song in "A Welcome by the Toys".

Mrs. Grykuliak's Grade 1B class was resplendent in tinsel-trimmed majorette hats and capes as their rhythm band and chorus performed "When Santa Clause Gets Your Letter", "We are Santa's Elves" and "Jolly Old St. Nick". The Grade 1A class, under the direction of Mrs. Buryn, told the old, old Christmas story, complete with the shepherds, wise men and two poor children who had nothing to give the newborn Savior but their hearts.

Wooden soldiers and Raggedy Anne dolls from Miss Wilson's Grade 3B class paraded and sang "Wooden Soldiers on Parade", with a horse as their narrator, and a pajamaed Billy, the owner of the toys, who knows no one will ever believe what his toys were up to in the wee hours of the night.

A special part of the afternoon was the announcement by Principal Don Conrad of a handsome gift to the school. Mrs. Grace Franks has most generously donated

toward an award program in which one student from each class will receive a citizenship award each year. Mrs. Franks, who celebrated her 89th birthday Thursday, was on hand to accept the thanks of the school and a large bouquet of flowers.

The Grade 5A students of Mrs. Poleschuk's class showed just what happens when "Pa Puts up the Christmas Tree". Grandpa is too busy listening to his cowboy program on the radio, Ma is too busy with her last minute baking, Sis and Junior are just home from college for the holiday, and the family's youngest is not much help at all. However, eventually Pa gets the job done, just in time for the arrival of a large group of carollers, who serenade the finished tree.

What happens on Sesame Street at Christmas? The whole gang was on hand, alias Mrs. Conrad's 2B class, to show us. Oscar, in his garbage can, is doubtful that Santa will fit down the chimney. The Amazing Mumford finds a rabbit in his hat, and the Count is very busy counting all the needles on the Christmas tree. Kermit interviews all the kids on the street, to see how they think Santa will deliver the presents. Reassured, the Sesame Street gang goes to sleep, and when they wake up, the gifts are under their tree. Oscar, though, still hates Christmas — do you suppose he's related to the Grinch?

Down in the forest, Mrs. Boothman's Grade 2A students are celebrating a Care Bear Christmas. The cuddly multicolored bears dance around the pointy-hatted trees to the tune of "Teddy Bears' Picnic", and even Grumpy Bear looks cheerful.

Two handsome gingerbread houses were

raffled by the ECS class, with the draw made at this point in the program. The house donated by the Elk Point Bakery and decorated by the kindergarten class was won by Helen Pelech, while the house donated by Mitch Briand was won by Robin Moroziuk. Proceeds from the draw will go to ECS projects.

The Grade 5 music students played "Christmas Candles" on their recorders, and sang a rousing rendition of "Jingle Bell Rock".

Things are tough all over, and that includes the North Pole. The elves are running out of everything, and Santa needs a loan to finish up his Christmas gifts. The banks are most uncooperative, and decline to loan their money to a self employed man who claims he is Santa Claus and lives at the North Pole. The elves save the day, when the pool their spare change to buy a lottery ticket and win the three million dollars needed to finish up the gift list.

Grade 4 music students entertained with the "Russian March" and "Jolly Old St. Nick" on recorders, and sang "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" and "Do You Hear What I Hear?".

Miss Ziniewicz's Grade 5B class spends Christmas at Cabbage Patch General Hospital, where the newborn in the delivery room is a boy, and the nursery is level full of unadopted dolls who learn about Christmas.

Forty eight recorders from the Grade 6 music class played "Dona Nobis Pacem" and "O Come All Ye Faithful", and their owners sang "Mary's Boy Child" and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree".

The "True Meaning of Christmas" can

even be found on the moon in the year 2010, we discover with Mrs. Jornstad's Grade 4 class. People are helping each other, making toys and preparing for the season even if there is no snow, and the spirit of the season still prevails.

An awful accident happened to Santa in Miss Grabas' Grade 3A class's part of the program, when he ran out between parked reindeer. Elves with chainsaws, hammers, drills and miscellaneous tools take three hours before they finally get the old gent back together for his Christmas trip.

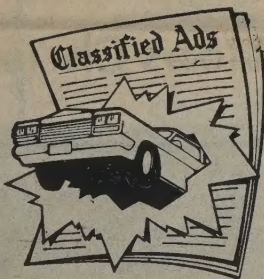
The Grade 8 Band's twelve members played "Castles and Dragons", "The Sound of Music" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and showed a considerable amount of hard work in learning their instruments.

Mr. Sereda's Grade 6B elves are extra busy, working 24 hours a day in their toy factory, making Cabbage Patch Dolls. Santa's large order gets mixed up and they make ONE extra-large doll instead of a large NUMBER of dolls. Santa takes it along anyway, and presented it to a delighted Mrs. Clause, who thought her husband had forgotten to put her on his list, as usual.

Sorry, folks — we have done it again. Due to film failure, we have no pictures of the Christmas concert. Our sincere apologies. If any reader has good pictures of the event, we would be more than pleased to publish them in our next issue and will return them to you unharmed.

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—Shakespeare.

A.C.T. Plans 11th blockbuster telerama

Telerama '85 hits North-Central Alberta January 26 and 27. Get ready for the action!

Sponsored by the Associated Canadian Travellers (Edmonton Club), the 20-hour Telerama will be broadcast from the Edmonton Convention Centre live on CFRN-TV. Funds will be raised for the Research and Training Centre for the Physically Disabled, which provides a rehabilitation program and recreational facilities for disabled persons; the new Arts and Crafts Centre at Camp He Ho Ha; and the A.C.T. (Edmonton Club) Telethon which provides grants throughout Northern Alberta to groups and individuals requesting

assistance for the disabled.

Bob McGregor is Chairman for Telerama '85. The owner-manager of McGregor Sporting Goods has been an A.C.T. member for 15 years, and has been involved in Telerama for several years. Mr. McGregor was President of A.C.T. in 1973-74 and now is serving his second term as a Director on the board of the A.C.T. (Edmonton Club).

Honorary Chairman will be Neil Lumsden, Running Back for the Edmonton Eskimos.

Telerama '85 raises funds for disabled persons of Northern Alberta.

With your help, we can "Make It Happen".

Thank You

George & Jean Kinch

Would like to thank our family, relatives, friends and neighbors for preparing such a memorable celebration for our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Special thanks to the members of Frog Lake community and the Martin goodwill clubs, and to all who arranged and took part in the delightful program. It is easy to underestimate the talent of those with whom one is closely associated. Special thanks to all who gave gifts, and to all who sent cards and congratulations. Also to our sister Nellie Nelson, for the poem she had published in the Lakeland Review. May God's peace and goodwill bless all of you. You made our day one that we'll live on in our memories. Thank you all very much. George and Jean.

Gifts for hospitalized children

Karen Reed of Elk Point Auto and Industrial Supplies visited the Elk Point Municipal Hospital Pediatrics ward Thursday morning, to deliver a barrel of gifts which had been deposited in the store in response to a newspaper story.

Collection of gifts by this and other Bumper to Bumper outlets is the business' way of helping to bring happiness to

children who must spend the holiday season in hospital.

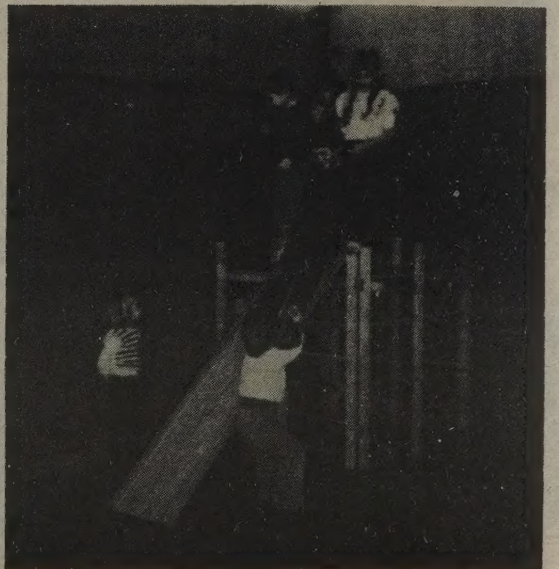
Esther Moneta and Marge Desaulniers accepted the gifts on behalf of the Pediatrics staff. Thanks go to the generous donors for sharing a little bit of your Christmas season with these children.

Editor's Note: Sorry — our picture of the presentation did not turn out.

Lions Christmas party



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C.G.I.T. meets Tuesday nights, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Elk Point United Church. All girls 12 to 17 years are invited to attend.

Stonecroft Biblestudy, Monday's 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in Lindbergh. Babysitting has been arranged. For more information call 724-4027.

Stonecroft Bible study, Wednesday's 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in Elk Point. Babysitting has been arranged for more information call 724-3614.

The U.C.W. rummage store will be closed until spring. Please withhold your donations until then. Thank you for all your contributions this past year.

Pioneer Circle monthly meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month. All seniors welcome.

Story Time Elk Point Library for 3 to 5 years old Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. Come and join us.

Elk Point Detachment — Presently has one panasonic cassette recorder radio that was recovered from a vehicle in Elk Point on August 31st, 1984, however, there has been no owner to claim. Anyone who wishes to claim it, please report to Detachment and describe such item.

Storytime at Elk Point Library is discontinued until February. Watch this column for further information.

Frog Lake Community Club Snowmobile Rally December 29th, 1984. Reg 11 - 12 at hall, 2 miles west of Frog Lake Store.

Pioneer Circle Bingo — every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., Floor Curling every Thursday at 2:00 p.m., Whist every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome!

PUT IT HERE

Call or write the editor of this paper to include good news of events and happenings you want to share, courtesy AGT.

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Notices & Information

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES DIRECTOR

The Town of Elk Point is seeking a dynamic individual to be responsible for identifying human needs, planning and implementing programs aimed at enhancing the quality of life within the Town.

Elk Point is a growing community located 225 kms northeast of Edmonton. Located in the heart of heavy oil development in the Lindbergh field prospects are for substantial growth in the community over the next several years.

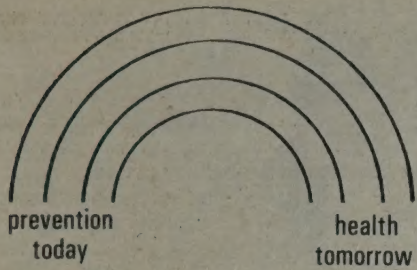
Reporting to the Family and Community Support Services Board, the F.C.S.S. Director will work in harmony with the municipal administration in the development and maintenance of services. Responsibilities include community organization, social planning, volunteer development, public relations, administration and interpretation of community services philosophy.

Applicants should have experience and skill in community work with a dedicated interest in people. Prospective candidates with a professional degree in sociology or an equivalent combination of education and experience may be suited for this position. The person must have demonstrated a good level of maturity and history of involvement and achievements in community affairs.

Written applications providing a full resume, references and expected starting salary will be accepted by the undersigned until 4:00 p.m. January 25, 1985.

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ATTENTION: Mrs. Alvina Schuhmacher, Chairman, Elk Point Family and Community Support Services Board



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Fire safety

With the Christmas season approaching very rapidly, many parents are beginning to put up decorations which add sparkle and brightness to the celebrations and festivities. However, these bright decorations are a new attraction to the young child and encourage him to discover more about this new bright "toy".

Actually, Christmas can be a season of many hazards. Follow these safety tips to help reduce fire hazards in your home created by Christmas decorations.

This year, make a special effort to check electrical cords and strands of lights for worn areas or exposed wires. Pay particular attention to the plug at each end to ensure it is safe. Where possible, cords should be strung in a safe area well away from children's play areas and places where people walk frequently. A good idea is to tape the cord to the base of a wall with masking tape. Cords should also be placed safely when being used for outdoor lighting systems.

Manufacturers are making efforts to make safe decorations such as unbreakable tree ornaments and non-

flammable tinsel. These products are a good precaution for any household to take, particularly one where small children are present. In addition, the Christmas tree should be well secured on a broad base or stand to avoid accidents caused by the tree toppling or being pulled over.

Nothing can be more comforting and relaxing than watching a fire and hearing its warming crackle. Nevertheless precautions are still necessary. The fire should have a screen or glass doors to prevent sparks from flying on to the floor and also to keep children from accidentally being burned. Stoves and heaters should also be guarded.

These safety precautions should be heeded by everyone - not just parents of young children. Individuals such as grandparents who normally have no children at home should make an extra effort to "child-proof" their homes. This could include putting medicines and poisonous substances such as cleaning solutions well out of a child's reach. Small objects which could cause choking should also be put away safely.

Christmas is a joyous time for all ages. Enjoy it safely!

Christmas safety hints

Lights

Inspect indoor and outdoor Christmas lights for frayed cords or broken sockets. Replace any damaged sets. Use indoor lights INSIDE only and outdoor lights OUTSIDE only.

— When buying new light sets or other electrical decorations, be sure it has the "CSA" approved seal.

— Do not use nails to fasten Christmas lights to your home. Insulated staples are designed to securely fasten cords.

— When working with outdoor wiring be sure to turn off electricity. The least bit of dampness combined with electricity could mean disaster. Have the bulb sockets face toward ground if possible.

Christmas Trees

— When using a natural tree, cut the butt of the tree diagonally. Stand tree in water and maintain water supply.

— Never decorate a tree with candles. Set up the tree away from heat sources such as fireplaces, TV sets or radiators.

— Switch off tree lights if tree is unattended.

— Do not allow cotton batten, discarded gift wrappings or other combustible material under the tree.

— DO NOT HANG METAL FOIL "ICICLES" OVER WIRES OR TREE LIGHTS.

— Dismantle tree as soon as possible after the Christmas

celebrations.

Gifts

— Many gifts are electrically powered, look for the "CSA" mark.

— Always read and follow manufacturers instructions carefully.

— Don't use electric toys outside the home where they may become wet or damp.

— Don't place immersible appliances in dishwasher or oven. The heat may destroy watertight seal.

— Toys aren't safe for all children - make sure the toy is right for the child's age and know-how. Keep in mind who else in the house might play with the toy.

— Show the child how the toy should be used so that it brings joy, not harm.

— Check toys carefully for possible hazards such as loose parts or sharp edges and points.

Have a safe and happy Christmas.

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Highway 45

improvements planned

EDMONTON — Alberta Transportation will call tenders to carry out a major improvement project on Highway 45 in the Marwayne area, Transportation Minister Marvin Moore and Lloydminster MLA Bud Miller announced.

The project involves base pavement construction on the grade built in 1983 and 1984. A continuation of the major construction program done in this area in the past three years, the work on Highway 45 extends from west of Dewberry for 18 kilometres to north of Marwayne. Base pavement construction is the first stage toward providing an ultimate paved surface. Final paving will follow in a future year's program.

The work is scheduled for completion during the 1985 construction season.

Mr. Miller expressed his satisfaction with this major improvement project. "The work on Highway 45 will benefit local, agriculture, recreation and resource-related traffic travelling this route," stated Mr. Miller.

Mr. Moore pointed out: "This major improvement project is part of the ongoing program to upgrade Highway 45 from Highway 41 to the Saskatchewan boundary up to modern paved standards."

Stick a memo on the fridge...tack a note on the front door...hang a sign on your steering wheel... tie a string on your finger!

Make it your New Year's resolution... say to yourself, "When driving, I am going to put my child in a car safety seat!"

Traffic collisions are the number one killer of children beyond their first year of life. That's why a new Act was put into effect for January 1st, 1985.

The new Child Transportation Act, Bill 83, applies to all children born after December 31, 1984, until they reach five years of age or 18 kilograms (40 lbs.).

It reads, "...no person driving on a highway will operate a vehicle with a child as a passenger unless the child is occupying and is properly secured in an approved child car safety seat..."

For further information on government regulations and approved standards for child car safety seats, contact your local Safety Education Representative:

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- Calgary 297-6442
- St. Paul 645-6330
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- Medicine Hat 529-3684
- Red Deer 340-5166 or
- Peace River 624-6280

Private citizens can place long distance calls free of charge...just dial "O" and ask the AGT Operator for, ZENITH, 22333... this will connect you to the closest R.I.T.E. centre.



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Legion contest winners announced

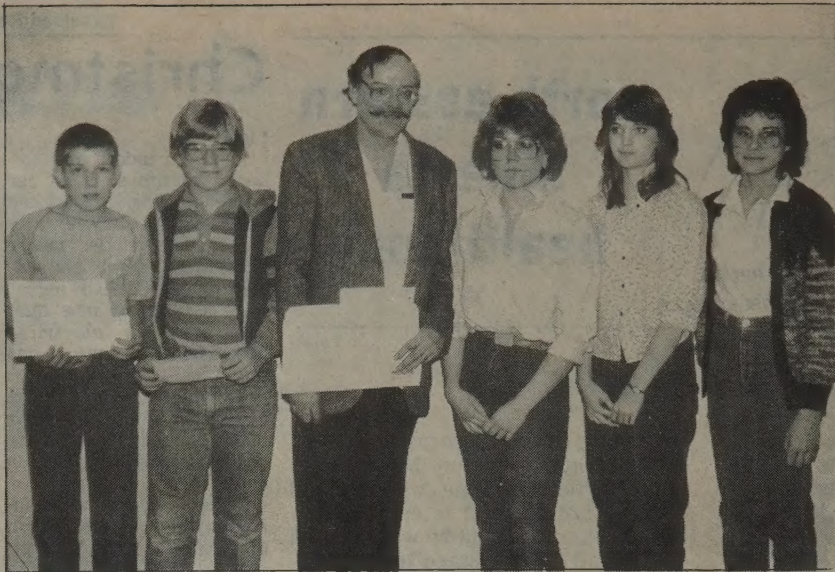
The Elk Point Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion has announced this year's winners of their annual poster and literary contest held each Remembrance Day.

In the poster contest, Grade 6 student Charlotte Lazicki placed first in the Elementary division, while Clint Scott, Grade 4, placed second. Debra Bugej, Grade 9, was the Junior High winner, with Alvin Kulczycki, Grade 7, in second place.

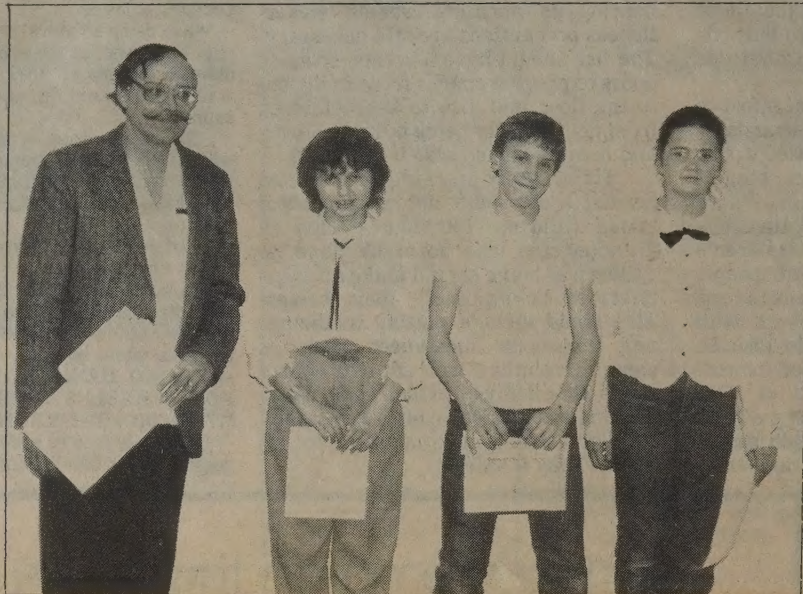
In the literary section,

students in grades 6, 8 and 11 participated. Kim Bugera was the Grade 6 winner, with Darwin Ference in second place. Grade 8 winner was Jason Smereka, with Angel Ference as runner up. Connie Maerz was the Grade 11 winner, with Val Ockerman placing second.

Doug McPherson represented the Legion at the presentation of cheques and certificates to the winners on Wednesday, December 19.



ELEMENTARY LEVEL WINNERS — Receive their awards in the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day contests from Doug McPherson (left). Winners were (l-r) Kim Bugera, Darwin Ference, Charlotte Lazicki and (missing) Clint Scott.



JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH WINNERS — In the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day contests were awarded their certificates and prize cheques by Doug McPherson. Left to right: Alvin Kulczycki, Jason Smereka, Mr. McPherson, Val Ockerman, Connie Maerz and Angel Ference. Missing: Debra Bugej.

Recreation news

The new year is about to begin and with new events to participate in. The "Travel to Swim" Program will begin on January 12, 1985. Please register as soon as possible for this at the Recreation office.

Curling Bonspiels in Elk Point are up and coming. These events are as follows:

- Ladies will be held February 1, 2 and 3rd
- Mixed will be held February 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17th
- Men's will be held February 27, 28 and March 1, 2 and 3rd
- Town and Country will be held March 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10th.

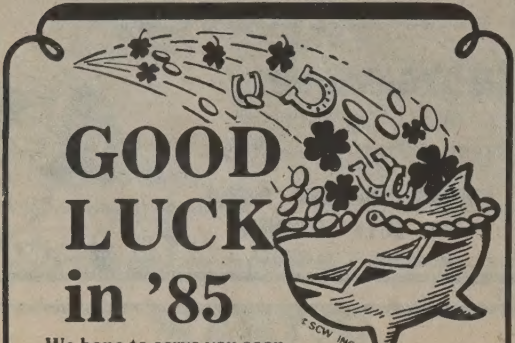
For more information on these events, please call Bill Currey at 724-4254.

The Community Services Building Gym will be open once again in the new year. This will be starting Tuesday, January 8th, 1985 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Elk Point and District Regional Recreation and Cultural Board's annual meeting will be held January 8th, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. All public are welcome to attend.

For more information on any of the above call Brenda at 724-4074.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.



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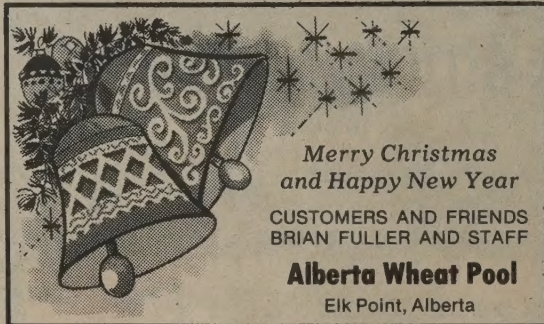
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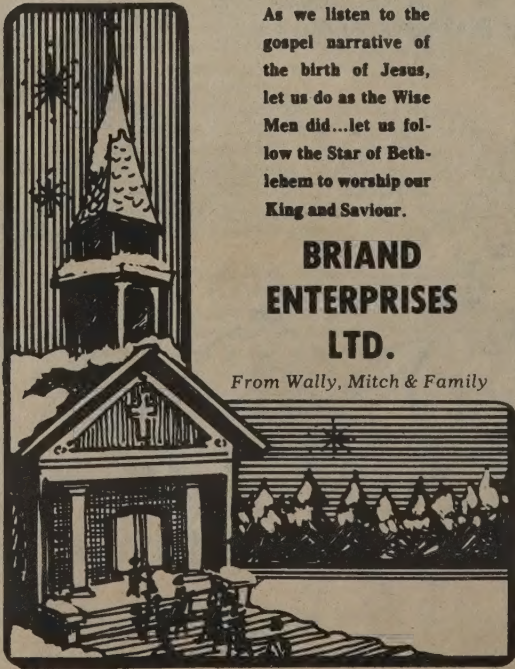


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Minister names two to college board

Vreny Lauzon of La Corey and Ed Jenson of Lloydminster have recently been appointed to three-year positions on the Lakeland College Board of Governors by Advanced Education Minister, Dick Johnston.

Mrs. Lauzon and her husband, Romeo, operate a grain and beef farm in the La Corey area. She is a 1960 graduate in Home Economics from this institution, the former Vermilion School of Agriculture. Mr. Lauzon graduated the following year from the Agriculture program. They have three children.

Mrs. Lauzon looks forward to her term on the Board as a learning challenge. "There has been such a drastic change in programs from the time I attended."

Board chairman Don Whittaker feels that Mrs. Lauzon's background in 4-H, agriculture and community work in the region will be an asset to the college.

"Lakeland College is placing emphasis on continued development of its regions, and her input will be of great value."

Mrs. Lauzon's extensive service record includes five years on the M.D. of Bonnyville Agriculture Service Board, four years as a 4-H leader, and work with both the District Home Economist and further education organizations. For the past two years she has been a member of the municipal Recreation Board.

Ed Jenson brings to his role a solid business background as president of a commercial aviation firm in Lloydminster, a company he founded 20 years ago. He is also a charter member of the local Kiwanis Club.

"Lloydminster and the surrounding area have been good to me, and I'd like to repay the community in some small way," he says of his interest in serving with Lakeland College.

Mr. Jenson is a native of Swift Current, Saskatchewan. He and his wife, Fern, have two young children.

The chairman says Mr. Jenson will be actively involved in the development of the Lloydminster Campus. "We're hoping for a commitment from the government in the near future."